

## Saeng and Her New Hope

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Feeling so hopeless and depressed, Saeng sat down in tears, telling herself repeatedly that *there was no way out from her family's financial crisis*. Every possible door was closed, and no light peeked in. She continually blamed herself for leading her family into this trouble and for not being able to find any solution to her financial problem. At times, she thought about suicide as the only way to escape it.

It all started when Saeng made a hopeful decision to improve her family's economic status. Though she was a teacher and her husband, Sai, was engaged in a well-paid job, they ambitiously ventured to a promising business with a high hope of more wealth and comfortable life. Without realizing that business could eventually fail, they invested all their money and assets. The business started well at first; it was even enabling them to acquire a house and a car. It appeared to them that their business would be continuing toward the upward direction; but in due time, the business began failing here and there. At the end, they had to give up on what they had acquired and lost everything. What they were left with was a huge amount of debt that they had accumulated within a short span of time. Shattered, embarrassed, and hopeless, they decided to move to Vientiane, the capital city of Laos and began looking for a new job.

Saeng and her family continued to struggle as they were settling in the city. With no money, no jobs, and a huge debt that remained, they were forced to depend entirely on relatives' aids in food and lodging. There were even times that there was nothing to consume, their lives continued to spiral downwards.

One day, Saeng and her husband, Sai, went looking for jobs. As they were walking around in a market looking for jobs, they spotted a little piece of paper on the ground. Saeng picked it up and saw the title: *A Good Future*. With the reading of the title itself had created a little sense of joy. Saeng and Sai took the flyer home and began reading the message containing in it carefully together. Indeed, they learned about a new hope found in Jesus. With the contact number written on the paper, they got to know the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Saeng and her family went to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and began studying the Bible altogether. They discovered that the new hope could be found in Jesus. Through His simple and peaceful life that He lived on this earth that they learned, God's exemplary life in human form had given so much hope for Saeng's

family. After several months of Bible study lessons, Saeng and her family decided to accept Jesus as their personal Savior, the divine Source of human's hope.

They have given their lives to God. Their continuing hope is for God to will their lives for His costs. Saeng and her entire family continue to confirm their faith and cherish the new hope found in Him. To them, a rich life now is not about owning a big house or an expensive car, but it is a life that is fulfilled and joyful owing to the main ingredient or God's love in it. They are now truly happy, joyful, and contented people because of the hope they have found in Christ!